

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are allowed in accordance with the Notice of Allowance mailed January 18, 2006. Claims 3 and 15-23 are canceled, wherein claim 3 was inadvertently canceled in the Amendment filed December 27, 2005 and replaced herein with new claim 24. Claim 3 was previously identified among the allowed claims 1-14 in the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005, in response to which the Amendment of December 27, 2005 was filed. Claim 3 was never amended during the prosecution of this case, other than the inadvertent cancellation thereof by the December 27, 2005 Amendment. The replacement of the canceled claim 3 with the identical version thereof in new claim 24, as submitted herewith, is thus the purpose of this Second Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312.

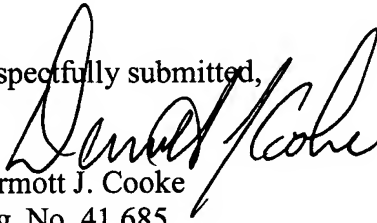
Claim 1 was previously amended by a first Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed March 1, 2006 to reinsert the word "the" in claim 1, line 5, which was also inadvertently deleted by the Amendment filed December 27, 2005.

As presented herein, the claims include all previously made amendments including those changes made by the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed January 18, 2006, as well as those changes submitted in the first Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312. No other changes are made and no new matter is submitted. Accordingly, entry and consideration of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 24 as presented herein remain allowable for the same reasons as claims 1-14 were originally deemed allowable in the October 26, 2005 Office Action and the January 18, 2006 Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowance of the application in view of the amendment and remarks set forth herein is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that anything further is desirable to expedite the issuance of the Supplemental Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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